

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the enrolled bill was signed on April 21, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1592. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Agency Compliance with the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1593. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Navajo Reclamation Plan" (NA-003-FOR) received on April 9, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1594. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Energy, transmitting, a draft of the proposed legislation entitled "The Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Repeal Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1595. A communication from the Chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on April 7, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1596. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the program plan for the Russian Reactor Core Conversion Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1597. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's automated information systems; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1598. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation of revisions to the appointment of Members to the National Ocean Research Leadership Council; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1599. A communication from the Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Pilot Program Policy" received on April 10, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1600. A communication from the Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Military Recruiting" received on April 10, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1601. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Arizona Bureau of Land Management Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1602. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on equitable relief for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1603. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting,

pursuant to law, a report on enhanced-use leasing; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1604. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Veterans' Education" (RIN2900-AI55) received on March 26, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1605. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Upgraded Discharges" (RIN2900-AI40) received on March 25, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1606. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Vocational Rehabilitation" (RIN2900-AI29) received on April 7, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1607. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Reduction of Debt" (RIN2900-AF29) received on April 1, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1608. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Medical; Nonsubstantive Miscellaneous Changes" (RIN2900-AI37) received on April 7, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1609. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Retroactive Payments" (RIN2900-AI57) received on April 14, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1610. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Removal of Certain Limitations" (RIN2900-AI61) received on April 14, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1611. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefits, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including a rule entitled "Health Insurance Portability" (RIN1210-0054, AA55) received on April 14, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1612. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Health Services Research" (RIN0919-AA00) received on March 25, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1613. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules including a rule entitled "Medical Devices" (RIN0919-AA09, AA19, AA53, AA29); to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1614. A communication from the Director of the National Science Foundation, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The National Science Foundation Authorization for fiscal years 1998 and 1999"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1615. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts and Member of the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pur-

suant to law, the report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1616. A communication from the Director of the Office of Communication and Legislative Affairs, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Procedures for Previously Exempt State and Local Government Employee Complaints" (RIN3046-AA45) received on April 8, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1617. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets" received on April 9, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1618. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Labor (Chairman of the Board) and the Acting Executive Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-50. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Georgia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the State of Georgia and other states have a constitutional provision that prohibits its legislative body from creating a budget deficit in its appropriations process; and

Whereas, the State of Georgia has various constitutional and statutory constraints relative to debt financing which require the state to maintain a very tight credit strategy; and

Whereas, the economic welfare of the United States and its citizens depends on a stable dollar and a sound economy; and

Whereas, the federal budget deficit has had a deleterious impact on the nation's financial health and has impeded severely investment productivity and growth; and

Whereas, the Georgia General Assembly has supported an amendment requiring a balanced federal budget for many years, having specifically applied to the United States Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing such an amendment in 1976: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate That the members of this body urge the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives to adopt the balanced budget amendment; be it further

Resolved That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Senate of the United States Congress, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and to each member of the Georgia congressional delegation.

POM-51. Petitions from citizens of the United States relative to the Personal Responsibility Act of 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted: